

Dear William,

We need your help. The Food and Drug Administration has proposed a rule (62FED.REG.30678) that would deny our right to purchase natural dietary supplements which contain the natural herb Ma Huang. This rule would unduly restrict the levels of naturally occurring ephedrine alkaloids found in Ma Huang to a level that would render these dietary supplements useless to the consumer. There are currently approximately Five Million adult Americans who regularly consume dietary supplements containing Ma Huang, which has been used safely throughout the world for over 5,000 years. A10 42

The FDA has based their proposed rule on anecdotal information. However, the FDA has admitted that anecdotal information "cannot be used to calculate incidences or estimates of risk." Additionally, we strongly believe that the proposed rule violates the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, which Congress passed to regulate outrageous and unnecessary actions by the FDA regarding dietary supplements.

We urge you to contact the FDA and stop this unnecessary and illegal action on their part. We are writing you on behalf of ourselves and the millions of other Americans who safely use these products on a daily basis. We need our voices to be heard and we are asking you, our elected officials, to make our voices heard.

Sincerely,

Rex A. Bryant, Sr. &  
Annmarie F. Bryant  
19 Old Fields Rd.  
Sandwich, MA 02563-2515  
(508)420-1954

2/10 reply sent

95N-0304

C3696



0746 '99 SEP -3 A10:42

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT  
1517 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
202.225-3111  
Fax: 202.225-5658

**TO:** PAT ALEXANDER, FDA 301.443.2567  
**FROM:** CORINNE YOUNG  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1, 1999  
**NUMBER OF PAGES:** 2, INCLUDING THIS COVER  
**RE:** FDA PROPOSED REG ON NATURAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS  
**COMMENT**

Hi Pat,

Thanks for your help. As we discussed, please send this e-mail message to Docket #95-N0304.

Again, thanks.